

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a listing of the claims in the application with claim 3 shown as currently amended and new claim 12 added.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (previously canceled)

3. (currently amended) A method of preparing multilayered liposomes for transdermal absorption, comprising: (a) dissolving oil-phase components, comprising squalane, sterols, ceramide, neutral lipids or oils, fatty acids and lecithins, at 50°C to 75°C in organic solvent; (b) dissolving aqueous-phase components at 50°C to 75°C; and (c) mixing the components dissolved at steps (a) and (b) and agitating a resulting mixture at 500 to 9000 rpm (revolutions per minute) to form multilayered liposomes of relatively uniform size and shape within having a narrow particle size range of between 800 - 1000 nm, wherein ~~the~~ squalane is present ~~used~~ in an amount from 0.1 to 10.0 wt.%, ~~the~~ sterols in an amount from 0.1 to 5.0 wt.%, ~~the~~ ceramide in an amount from 0.1 to 10 wt.%, ~~the~~ neutral lipids or oils in an amount from 0.1 to 20.0 wt.%, ~~the~~ fatty acids in an amount from 0.1 to 20.0 wt.%, and ~~the~~ lecithins in an amount from 0.1 to 5.0 wt.%, based on the total weight of the liposomes, and wherein the agitating step is carried out without the use of a high-pressure homogenizer.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously canceled)

6. (original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the agitation is carried out at 2000 to 4000 rpm.

7. (original) The method according to claim 3, further comprising secondarily disrupting and mixing the multilayered liposomes by passing the multilayered liposomes through a high-pressure homogenizer.

8 - 11. (canceled)

12. (new) The method according to claim 3, wherein the number of liposome layers being formed lie within a range of between 3 to 20 liposome layers.